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In re application of : Bruno BORSOI et al.

Attorney Docket No. P21548  
**Confirmation No.: 5050**

Serial No. : 09/973,035

Group Art Unit: 3728

Filed : October 10, 2001

Examiner: Anthony D. Stashick

For : INNER TIGHTENING MECHANISM FOR FOOTWEAR

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- \_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.  
 \_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 \_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.  
 \_\_\_ No Additional Fee.  
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Indep. Claims: 5	3	2	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 21, 2003**

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office action dated November 21, 2003, the period for response to which extends to Monday, February 23, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

The amendment is believed to place the instant application in condition for allowance, based upon the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office action.

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